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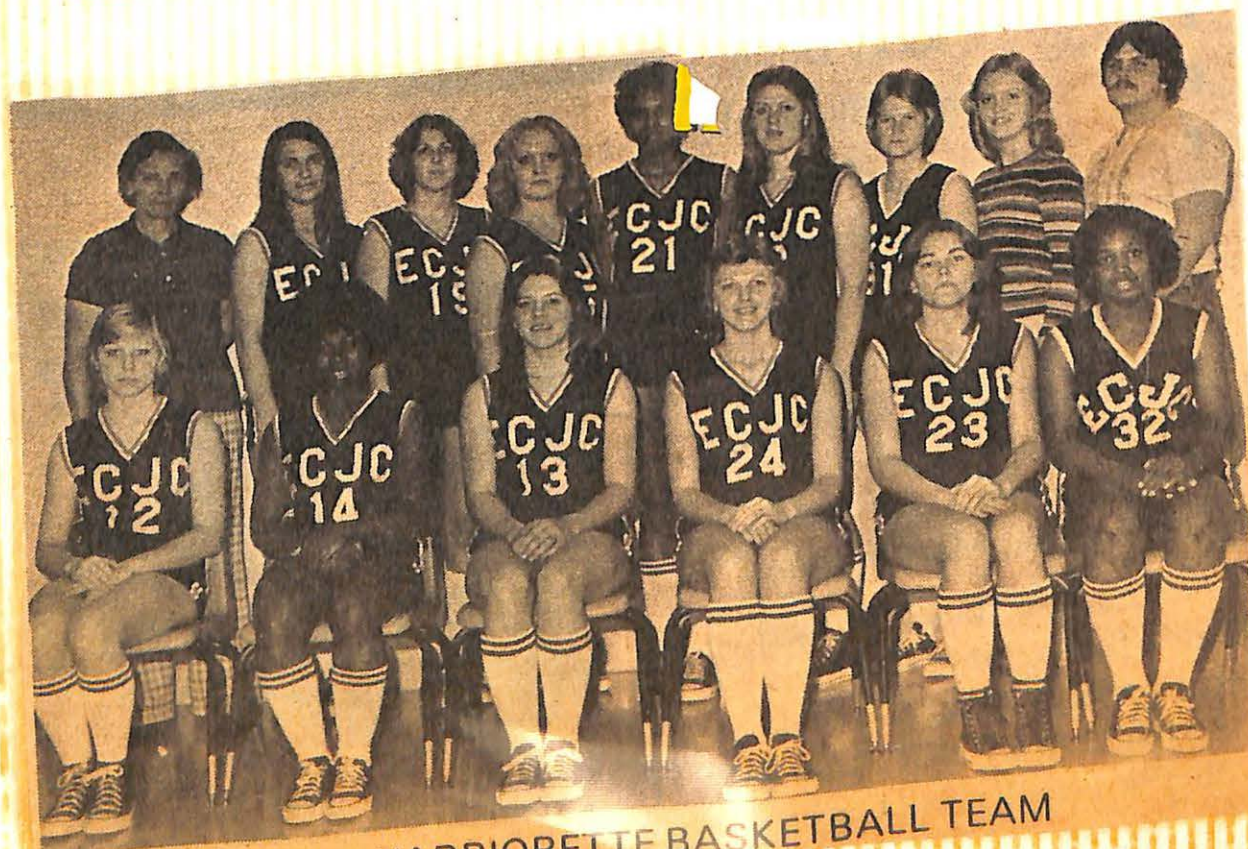
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Julie Latham
Morton
State Champion
Tennis



Diana Lyons
All-State
N.C.

Jacqueline Barnes
All-State
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THE WARRIORETTE BASKETBALL TEAM

GC Wins Women's Title

PERKINSTON — Despite playing without two of its top players in the final few minutes because of fouls, Gulf Coast whipped East Central here Thursday night, 76-64, to win the Mississippi Junior College Conference women's state basketball tournament.

"The bench came through," Gulf Coast Coach Sue Ross said.

It had to. With seven minutes to go, Connie Winstead fouled out for the Lady Bulldogs. Two minutes later, Edna Purvis took a final walk to the bench.

"I was awfully worried about then," Ross said.

But No. 6 player Marilyn Poe and Robin Williams and Sissy Freeman came in to pick up the slack and help

guide Gulf Coast to its 21st victory against 11 losses.

Purvis led the way with 20 points, Angie Wade and Peg Farris added 11 each and Winstead 10.

The loss dropped East Central to 16-11.

But it's not the end of the season by a long shot. GCJC, East Central, East Mississippi and Coahoma will play in the Region 7 junior college tournament at Cleveland (Tenn.) State Junior College next week.

A few weeks ago, East Central's Diane Lyons scored 45 points as Gulf Coast lost. But in last Saturday's South Division tournament final, the Lady Bulldogs held Lyons to eight in winning.

And Ross said she was going to have her Lady Bulldogs play the same kind of defense — overplay Lyons to her right force her to go left.

It worked again as Lyons could manage only 14 points — 11 below her 25 point a game average.

Jeannette Barnes also had 14 for East Central while Sheila Ward added 12 and Julie Latham 10.

2 sign with Jackson St.

by Nancy Heard

Two of East Central's leading female basketball players have signed scholarships with Jackson State University. Evelyn Bender of Newton and Jeannette Barnes of Carthage plan on attending Jackson State University this fall.

Evelyn Bender is a graduate of Newton High School. At East Central she was named to All-State Junior College her Freshman and Sophomore years. She was leading scorer in the state with 1,081 points in 42 games for an average of 26.7 points per game. She received

the Earline Wood Alumni Memorial Award for the outstanding basketball player at ECJC her Sophomore year. In 1976, she also was named Best Offensive player at East Central.

A graduate of Carthage High School, Jeannette Barnes was named to All-State and All-Region 7 her Sophomore year. Also during her Sophomore year, she had an average of 19.3 points per game. She was selected as Best Offensive player at ECJC in 1977.

Both, Barnes and Bender, played on ECJC's state championship team in 1976.

ECplayers on All-State team

(Editor's Note: EC's John Burkes was also named to the boys' All-State team.)

by Sherry Vance

Among the five girls making up the first team all-state basketball team in the South Division were Diana Lyons and Jeanette Barnes.

Lyons, a sophomore at East Central, was selected all-state last year in the North Division. In season scoring for the Warrior-ette team, Lyons averaged 23.6 points per game with a 17.3 rebound average. She has captured numerous other honors including: leading scorer in the South Division, leading rebounder in the state, honorable mention All Region 7, and third leading scorer and leading rebounder All Region 7.

Barnes, also a sophomore, averaged 19.4 points per game. She, too, was chosen for the All Region 7 first team, which was composed of players from Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Girls' Jr.-Sr. high BB camp slated at EC

Coaches' Ray Riley and Percy Parker of the Morton School System will be conducting a girls' junior high basketball camp on the campus of East Central Junior College from June 26 - July 2. A girls' senior high basketball camp will be conducted from July 10 - July 16. These camps are sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Association and will be staffed by some of the outstanding coaches in the state. The coaches are: Jerry Cleveland Forest Ms. Rita Easterling M.C. Ms. Sharon Keenum . . . Pearl Mike Luke Carthage Gary Maytt . . . W. Lauderdale

Percy Parker Morton Haywood Reeves Forest Ray Riley Morton Durward Smith Pearl Roy Wallace . . . Philadelphia Ms. Lucille Wood . . E.C.J.C.

While the camp is primarily concerned with stressing basketball fundamentals, tennis and volleyball will be offered. Admission fees for the camps will be \$65 for regular campers and \$40 for day campers.

The deadline for application is June 15. Anyone desiring additional information or application forms may contact Coach Riley or Coach Parker, Morton High School.



Coach Lucille Wood signs Morton's Carla Halley to scholarship as her coach, Ray Riley, looks on. [see story]

ECJC Adds Five Women Players

DECATUR — According to women's basketball coach Lucille Wood, East Central Junior College has signed five more to basketball grant-in-aids.

Signed as freshmen players for next year are: Terry Stowers, 5'7" guard from Scott Central High School; Irma Johnson, 6'2" center from Scott Central High School; Denise Kemp, 5'7" forward from Leake Academy; Cindy Pennington; 5'5" guard from Decatur High School; and Karen Hurst, 5'7" forward from Decatur High School.

The total signed to date is 12. Coach Wood states there are two more prospects under consideration in the area at this time.

Other freshmen signees previously announced are: Phyllis LeFlore, a 5'7" forward from Carthage High School; Pam Lee, a 6'0" center from Neshoba Central High School; Charlene Jones, 6'1" center from Forest High School; and Carla Halley, a 5'9" forward from Morton High School.

Returning lettermen next year will be Tammie Tadlock of Morton, Sheila Ward of Philadelphia, and Sherry Rogers of Noxapater. As members of this year's Warriorette team, these team members helped make East Central the runnerup in the Mississippi Junior College Conference.

Poetry Corner

by Jeannette Barnes

THEY SAY

*They say to love America
They say to get involved
They say to have things planned ahead
And to have your thoughts resolved.
They say to work and pray
They say to love and see
And now I ask you, who are they?
It isn't they - but we.*

I WILL STRIVE FOR WHAT I WANT

*Far in distance
Is the goal for which I strive
Laboring ever, that I may arrive.
At the golden splendor,
For which my heart will yearn
I will pledge my honor
Seeking ever to learn.
I will strive to reach the highest
Educational, moral and spiritual goals
I can possibly attain.
I will never lower my aims
For any temporary benefit
that might be gained.
I will always close my ears
And seal my lips to slanderous gossip.
I will never belittle any race,
And will try to persuade others
To take the same stand.
I will strive to pattern my actions,
So that my life will be an example
For others to follow.
I will shape my thoughts
So that my character typified by love,
Courtesy, and kindness,
Will radiate a wholesome personality.
And above all,
I will endeavor to keep in my heart,
The spirit of true brotherhood.
I will strive all the more earnestly,
To reach my goal.*

Warriorettes sign 4 to 77-78 team

East Central Junior College Warriorette Basketball Coach Lucille Wood has announced that four area high school girls had signed two-year scholarships with the college. She anticipates signing four more freshmen players for next year within the next few weeks, she added.

Under the coaching ability of Lucille Wood, the Warriorettes won the Mississippi Junior College Basketball Championship last year and was runner-up to that title this year.

Signed as Freshmen players for next year are: Phyllis Leflore of Carthage, Pam Lee of Philadelphia, Charlene Jones of Forest, and Carla Halley of Morton.

A senior at Carthage High School, Miss Leflore was a 5'7" forward on the basketball team. She was named All-Leake County, All-Choctaw Conference, All-District 4, and All-Morton Classic.

Miss Lee, a student at Neshoba Central High School, was a 6'0" center with a point average of 14.5 per game. She targeted 54% of her field goals and had a rebound average of 10.7. She was named All-Choctaw Conference and All-District 4.

A 6'1" center from Forest High School, Charlene Jones will see action as a participant in the High School All-Star Game this August. With a 32 point game average and a 10 point rebound average, she was selected All-State for three years, All-South Mississippi three years, All-District 6 for three years, and All-Little Dixie for two years.

5'9" forward Carla Halley of Morton High School will come to East Central with a 15.5 scoring average. She too will play in the All-Star game in Jackson this August. Miss Halley has been selected to All-District 6, All-Morton Classic, All-Central Mississippi, All-North Little Dixie, and was named Most Valuable Player in the North Little Dixie.

"I have been most pleased with our selections thus far," stated Coach Wood. "And am hoping to sign four more just like these before long," she added.

ECJC signs 12 to girl's

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Leflore



Lee



Hurst



Pennington

FRESHMEN

SIGNEES



Jones



Halley



Johnson



Kemp



Stowers

State

1st JUNIOR

College

Championship
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TEAM <i>East Central</i>	RUNNING SCORE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																				
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	1 Q 2 Q 3 Q 4 Q	Cumberland, Vicki	24	P1 P2 P3 P4 P5									
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TEAM	Itawamba	RUNNING SCORE		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28						
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10				10				100%			

Charles M. Clark

Carla Halley selected to play in High School All-Star game

Carla Halley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson of Morton, has been selected to play in the Mississippi High School All-Star game this summer.

The game is sponsored by the Mississippi Association of Coaches. Carla was one of ten girls selected to play for the South All-Stars.

Carla is a 3-year letterman for the Morton Pantherettes where she has been a starter for the last two years. Honors that she has received during her basketball career at MHS are, Best Rebounder, Best Free-Throw Shooter, and All Morton Classic for the 1975-76 season. She received the Best Offensive Player Award at the USM Basketball Camp in 1976. Miss Basketball Award for the outstanding player at the ECJC Basketball Camp in 1976.

She was selected to several all-tournament team in the 1976-77 season; the Morton Classic, The Central Mississippi Classic, North Little Dixie, District VI. She was selected by the North Little Dixie Coaches as the Most Valuable Player for the 1976-77 season. She lead the Pantherettes in scoring with a 15.5 points per game, rebounding and free-throw shooting for



CARLA HALLEY

the 1976-77 season.

She had been contacted by several colleges to continue her basketball career. She has signed a two-year Basketball Scholarship with East Central Junior College.

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high of 45 points against Gulf Coast.

"She has an unusual shot — a sort of jump-hook — that's extremely accurate from 12 feet in," said East Central Coach Lucille Wood.

Barnes augmented Lyons by scoring at a 19.7 clip while Purvis contributed 15.7 points per game to Gulf Coast's title drive.

Heading the North Division are Itawamba's Jeanie Loyd and Northwest Mississippi's Ruthie Holyfield, a pair of sophomores who were second team All-Staters a year ago.

The 5-7 Loyd, a native of Shannon who signed a basketball grant-in-aid with Ole Miss this week, averaged 24 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Indians while Holyfield, 5-5, hit at a 19.2 clip for Northwest.

Also named to the North first team are freshman Jessie Brown of

East Mississippi and sophs Louise Perkins of Coahoma and Belinda Shelton of Northeast Mississippi.

Brown, a 6-2 center who was the state's most coveted high school player in 1976 while at East Kemper, was the MJCC's top scorer with a 31.2 average. Her top individual effort was 51 points.

Perkins was Coahoma's top scorer with a 16-point average while Shelton tallied 16.7 per game for the Lady Tigers.

Members of the South second team are Sue Sullivan of Hinds, Linda Stuckey of Utica, Ginny Ott of Southwest Mississippi, Wanda Ard of Pearl River and Peg Farris of Gulf Coast.

North second teamers are Geraldine Creer and Judy Hughes of Meridian, Janet Doom of Northeast, Shirley Kinard of Coahoma and Barbie Jaeger of Holmes.

JC Trio Repeats Honors

Three first-team repeaters head the Mississippi Junior College Conference's South Division women's All-State basketball team announced today.

Connie Winstead of Gulf Coast and Cindy Williams of Copiah-Lincoln were named to the South star squad for a second year and were joined by East Central's Diana Lyons, a first team pick in the North Division last year before the Lady Warriors were switched to the South.

Filling out the South first team are soph Jeanette Barnes of East Central and freshman Edna Purvis of Gulf Coast.

Winstead, a 6-footer from Pass Christian, averaged 19.2 points and 8.3 rebounds and was the key player for Gulf Coast as the Lady Bulldogs won the South, state tourney and NJCAA Region 7 titles.

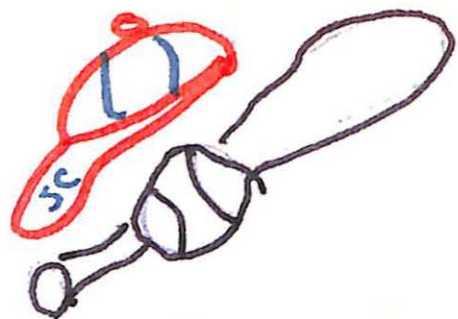
"She could have scored a lot more points if all we were interested in was building her average," says Gulf Coast Coach Sue Ross. "She had 48 points against Coahoma in the state tournament when we took her out with about five minutes to go."

"If I had left her in, I'm sure she would have scored at least 60."

Williams was an All-State pick in 1976 as Cindy Hodges, and marriage hasn't seemed to hurt the shooting touch of the 5-4 native of Boguie Chitto. She averaged 21.6 points per game.

The 5-11 Lyons had the South's top scoring (23.6) and rebounding (17.3) averages and had a single-game

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SIGNS SCHOLARSHIP — Carla Halley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson signs a two year basketball scholarship. Looking on at the signing is Coach Lucille Wood of East Central and Coach Ray Riley of Morton High School.

Tradition Holds As ECJC Ladies Fall

By BILLY TURNER
Star Sports Writer

PERKINSTON — No team has ever repeated as the Mississippi Junior College conference women's state champion since the entire state system began playing basketball.

East Central had an opportunity to do just that here Thursday night, but in the State championship game the Warriorettes dropped a 76-64 decision to host Gulf Coast.

Gulf Coast won the title in 1973, but lost it the next year to Southwest Junior College. Southwest in turn lost the title to Itawamba in the 1975 championship and Itawamba in turn to East Central's women last year.

Connie Winstead, Peg Farris and Edna Purvis give Gulf Coast three scoring threats while Coahoma's hopes of an upset hinge on how well Louise Perkins and Marsha Williams perform.

Then, with a tradition of sort on the line Thursday night, the Warriorettes lost control of a tight game in the last five minutes to turn the title over to Gulf Coast once again.

It was a matter of ECJC's Diana Lyons against three bigger girls, Lyons battling on the boards, but not coming up with enough rebounds and points to do justice to her career.

The 24-point-per-game scorer this season was held to only 14 points on just five field goals in many shots, and that was enough to turn the tide despite two Lady Bulldogs fouling out.

"This team can stop Lyons," East Central coach Lucille Wood said. "they did that in the

South State."

East Central had dropped a decision to Gulf Coast just last Saturday in the final of the South Division tournament at Gulf Coast as the Lady Dogs blazed to a 37-13 halftime lead.

Gulfcoast did that by shutting off the inside game, namely Lyons, so East Central was forced to shoot from the outside. The Warriorettes hit very few in that game, and consequently lost by 15.

This time East Central did its share of hitting from the outer reaches, enough to lead for most of the first half before finally falling behind 32-29 at the half.

The Warriorettes pushed in the first bucket of the second

half, cutting the advantage to one, but Gulf Coast quickly expanded the lead to as much as six points, and East Central never led again.

The Warriorettes did cut the deficit back to one on three different occasions, as late as 8:58 left in the game, but three straight buckets by Gulf Coast got the lead to seven points and free throws ended East Central's hopes.

Lyons and Jeannette Barnes, key members of last season's champions, each had 14 markers for ECJC, while Edna Purvis led Gulf Coast's attack with 20 points before fouling out with seven minutes left.

East Central ended its season with a 16-12 mark.

Women Stars Tangle

PERKINSTON — The Mack truck vs. the sports car.

When East Mississippi and East Central square off here Wednesday night in the semi-finals of the Mississippi Junior College Conference women's state basketball tournament, the attention will be focused on the individual duel between centers Jessie Brown and Diana Lyons.

East Mississippi's Brown, 6-2 and averaging over 30 points per game, will be pitting her superior size and strength against the quickness and shooting touch of the 5-10 Lyons, who is hitting at a 25-point clip.

Whoever comes out on top in their head-to-head confrontation probably will lead her team into Thursday's championship contest against the winner of the other Wednesday semi-final between Gulf Coast and Coahoma.

Gulf Coast and Coahoma meet in the tourney opener at 7 with East Mississippi and East Central following at 8:45.

While the EMJC offense consists almost entirely of Brown, Lyons has two talented associates in Jeannette Barnes and Julie Latham.

"You can't concentrate on Lyons because the other two can kill you," says East Mississippi Coach Richard Mathis, whose team has won two of three previous jousts with the Lady Warriors.

"I don't know if we've ever stopped all three cold. The last time we played them they beat us, 59-58, and Lyons had 24, Latham 19 and Barnes 12."

East Mississippi, meanwhile, lives and dies on the efforts of Brown.

"We've played only two games without her and lost them both," says Mathis. "If she gets in early foul trouble, we may be in big trouble."

"Our best hope of winning is if Debra Simonds can take some of the pressure off Jessie with some good outside shooting. She's about the only other player we have who scores consistently."

Gulf Coast scored three impressive victories in last week's South Division tourney and Coach Sue Ross says her Lady Bulldogs are ready.

"We seem to be hitting our peak," says Ross. "We played better in the South tournament than we have all season."

Women's Crown To GC

WESSON — Gulf Coast jumped out to a 24-point lead at the half, then held on for a 65-50 victory over East Central here Saturday night to win the Mississippi Junior College Conference South Division women's basketball championship.

The Lady Bulldogs stormed to a 37-13 advantage by intermission which proved too much for East Central to overcome, even though it did rally within eight in the closing minutes before falling back again.

Both teams — Gulf Coast is now 18-11, East Central 15-10 — advance to the four-team state tourney to be hosted by Gulf Coast Wednesday and Thursday. East Mississippi and Coahoma are the North Division representatives.

"We had lots of shots, but nothing would go down," said East Central Coach Lucille Wood in explaining the first-half debacle. "We got flustered and things just got worse and worse."

"After that, we came back and played pretty well in the second half. But the damage was done."

Edna Purvis had 22 points, Peg Farris 18 and Connie Winstead 10 for Gulf Coast while Jeannette Barnes notched 20 and Judy Latham 10 for East Central.

East Central Falls In 3 Overtimes

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Heart-break is losing a triple overtime game.

East Central now knows the feeling, the Lady Warriors dropping a 75-72 decision to Motlow (Tenn.) State here Wednesday night in the National Junior College Athletic Assn. Region 7 women's basketball tournament.

Labora Whitaker of Motlow State sank two free throws with 52 seconds remaining, giving the Tennesseans a 73-70 bulge and they held off East Central the rest of the way to finally end the marathon.

Diana Lyons gunned in 25 points in a losing cause for East Central, Julie Latham adding 17, Jeannette Barnes 16 and Tammy Tadlock 12.

For Motlow, Sherry Seely was high with 19 while Kathy Smart and Sheila Scott tossed in 13 apiece and Whitaker 12.

The other Mississippi Junior College Conference team in action Wednesday was more fortunate as Coahoma clipped Martin (Tenn.), 78-65.

Louise Perkins found the range for 28 in leading Coahoma, support furnished by Bertha Bass with 11 and Shirley Kinard and Lee Anna Lee with 10 each. Martin got 18 from Helen Stressel, 16 from Karen Crain, 15 from D.V. Sanderson and 10 from Rhonda Watkins.

Other Wednesday contests saw Hiwassee (Tenn.) State bump Paducah (Ky.), 84-74, and Cleveland (Tenn.) State bomb Walters (Tenn.) State, 64-43.

Today's quarterfinals find Gulf Coast going against Chattanooga (Tenn.) State Technical at 1 p.m., Volunteer (Tenn.) State against East Mississippi at 3, Hiwassee against Motlow State at 6 and Coahoma against Cleveland State at 8.

EC finishes 2nd in State tourney

South Division tournament to Gulf Coast, the Warriorettes earned the right to meet the Lady Dogs again for the state championship by defeating arch-rival Scooba 64-56, in the semi-finals.

In the championship game the taller Bulldogettes stopped the inside play of Diana Lyons and forced E.C. to take lower percentage shots away from the basket. Julie Latham and Jeanette Barnes did hit a few of the outside shots and the Warriorettes were behind only by 3, 32-29, at the half. In the second half the law of averages caught up with the Lady Warriors and E.C. steadily fell behind. East

Central did make a run at the lead several times, mainly on the strength of Lyon's magnificent play, but to no avail.

E.C. closed the gap to one point with 8:58 to go in the game but 6 straight points by Gulf Coast and the ability of the Bulldogettes to make their free throws produced the final margin of 12 points.

Lyons and Jeanette Barnes led the E.C. attack with 14 points each and Julie Latham had 8 points for the cause. East Central will play Wednesday, March 2, in the regional tournament at Cleveland Community College.



THE THREE SOPHOMORE STARTERS Diana Lyons, Julie Lathem, and Jeanette Barnes pose with their trophy won at the State Tournaments. At right is coach Lucille Wood.



Going, Going, Gone...

East Central's Julie Latham (right) and an unidentified Gulf Coast player both try to grab a ball going out-of-bounds during the state junior college women's finals Thursday night.

ECJC's Sheila Ward (31) looks on. Gulf Coast won the title in the game played at its gym in Perkinston.

—Staff Photo/Billy Turner

Lionettes Meet ECJC In Overall Tournament

By BILLY TURNER
Star Sports Writer

SCOoba — Whenever East Central and East Mississippi Junior Colleges get together, there is usually plenty of fireworks.

This time the get together is for a little more than the normal pride or bragging rites.

ECJC takes on EMJC in the first round of the Overall State Junior College women's basketball tournament at Gulf Coast Junior College in Perkinston Wednesday at 8:15.

EMJC is the No. 1 team from the Mississippi Junior College Association's North Division by virtue of a win over Coahoma Saturday in Booneville. East Central, the defending overall champion, is the No. 2 team from the South Division after losing to Gulf Coast Saturday at the Gulf Coast gym.

Gulf Coast and Coahoma meet in the first game Wednesday at 6:30.

The winners meet Thursday night at 7:30 for the Overall State championship.

East Mississippi's Lionettes haven't won a championship since beginning a team a few years ago but seem to be on the edge of taking it all this time.

They breezed through the regular season, losing three times to North Division schools and three times to South Division teams.

They have a 15-6 mark going into the overall tourney, but head coach Richard Mathis is feeling none too confident.

"There are a lot of good teams in the state this year, and I really don't know who will win this thing. If we somehow

could get past East Central, then Gulf Coast (or Coahoma) would be tough.

"I really look for a real tough game (with East Central)," Mathis said. "I would take a point win as I'm sure (ECJC coach) Lucille (Wood) would."

The last time these two teams met wasn't such a happy occasion for Mathis.

East Mississippi lost 59-58 after trailing by as many as 11 points during the game. The two teams have played two other times, EMJC winning two but the last game is the one Mathis remembers.

Jessie Brown, East Mississippi's freshman standout center, was hampered somewhat by an ankle injury the last time they met and turned in what Mathis called "her sorriest game."

Diana Lyons, off East Central's overall State championship club last year and a standout in her own right, outplayed Brown during the last meeting of the two teams, and that matchup will be the one to watch.

"She's got to do better if we're planning to win," Mathis said.

East Central didn't have a very good game against Gulf Coast when it lost Saturday night, trailing 37-13 at the half as the shots wouldn't fall for the Lady Warriorettes.

EC ladies advance to District 7 Regionals

by John Muse

By virtue of a second place finish in the overall Mississippi Junior College basketball playoffs, the East Central Warriorettes have accepted an invitation to play in the District 7 basketball tournament to be held at Cleveland, Tennessee.

The tournament, made up of

16 teams, is composed of Junior Colleges in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Kentucky. East Central, along with other junior colleges in the state make up the Mississippi contingent in the tournament.

The tournament is a single elimination affair beginning March 1.

ECJC, EMJC Women Top-Seeded

By BILLY TURNER
Star Sports Writer

The East Central Junior College and East Mississippi Junior College women's basketball teams have grabbed top-seed positions in the North and South Division tournaments of the Mississippi Junior College Association. The men and women begin tourney play at four sites this week.

East Central's ladies, who won a coin-flip for the top-seed after tying for the top spot with a 10-4 South Division record, will open play Thursday in the South Division tournament at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College in Wesson. ECJC is defending state champion.

East Mississippi's women, who have a 9-3 division mark for the No. 1 seed, will play in the North Division women's tournament at Northeast Junior College in Booneville which begins Tuesday.

The North Division's men's tournament begins Monday at East Mississippi Junior College in Scooba, with Northwest Junior College the top seed.

The South Division men's tournament begins Monday at Gulf Coast Junior College in Perkinston. Host Gulf Coast is top-seeded.

Meridian Junior College's women lost a coin-flip for second seed in the North Division women's tournament, while the Meridian Junior College men are seeded last in the North Division.

EAST MISSISSIPPI has to be rated the surprise team of the women's North Division, if not women's basketball in general, in the juco conference.

The Lionettes began the season with four people back from a squad that wasn't rated too highly last season. They had a new coach, Richard Mathis, and several freshman. Hope was high, but the outlook was none too bright.

Enter Jessie Brown.

Brown, a 6-1 freshman from East Kemper High School, joined the Lionettes after leaving Jackson State and immediately they became a contender.

"I guess you could say the addition of Jessie Brown turned us around," Mathis, a former head coach at Northeast Lauderdale, said.

All Brown has done is make the Lionettes tough on the boards and give them a scoring threat as good as any in the state. She scored a whopping total of 51 points once this year and has generally been in the 20s.

EMJC got a first-round bye in the tournament, which Mathis finds appealing of course, and doesn't play until Friday's semifinals. But the Lionettes have to play the winner of Tuesday's battle between Northwest and Itawamba Junior College's and Mathis doesn't take a shine to that.

"Itawamba has beaten us three times this year, once in pre-season and twice in the division. We just can't seem to stop them," he said.

Northwest and Itawamba both are 6-6 in the North Division and will play 1:30 Tuesday in the opening game of the tournament.

Meridian's women own the other win over East Mississippi's ladies this year and that came at Meridian on Jan. 11. The Lionettes turned the tables in Scooba later in the season and that win coupled with a victory over Coahoma

last Thursday, helped nab the top-seeded spot and the bye for EMJC.

Meridian's women play at 2:30 Wednesday against Northeast Junior College, the host school which is 4-8 in the division this year. MJC routed Northeast 83-60 just Thursday night. Holmes and Coahoma meet Thursday at 3 p.m. in the other first round contest.

Friday's semifinals are at 1:30 and 3 p.m. while the final is set for Saturday at 3 p.m.

Mathis summed up the women's North Division tourney as one any team except Holmes could win. Holmes is 0-12 in the division this year, but the rest of the division has proven it can play on a competitive level.

THE EAST CENTRAL WOMEN are just the opposite of the Lionettes. They are the defending champions of the state, won the North Division last year as well and in their first year in the South Division the top seed.

They've been there.

But this year the Warriorettes began the season very slowly, perhaps due to the loss of their leading scorer last season, Evelyn Bender.

They've come on now, of course, running up a 10-4 South Division mark and a 13-10 overall record.

The Warriorettes open the

tournament at Co-Lin at 1:30 Thursday with a contest against Jones, the N. 8 seed in the South. At 3:15 Thursday, Utica and Gulf Coast meet. At 6:30 Co-Lin and Hinds play, while at 8:15, Southwest, the fifth seed, and Pearl River, the fourth seed, clash.

Semifinals are at 6:30 and 8:15 Friday and the final is at 7:30 Saturday night.

ECJC Ladies

'Flip' To No. 1

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East Central's Lucille Wood was the big winner at a meeting of Mississippi Junior College Conference basketball coaches here Friday morning.

The meeting was for the purpose of determining seeding and other matters related to next week's division tournaments.

Coin flips are used to determine placement of teams with identical division records and East Central finished in an unprecedented three-way tie with Gulf Coast and Copiah-Lincoln for the women's South Division championship.

"I don't think we've ever come across this situation before," said Ray Busby, executive director of the MJCC, as he assembled the respective coaches — Wood, Sue Ross of Gulf Coast and Gwinn Young of Co-Lin — for the flip.

As it turned out, Wood flipped "tails" while Ross and Young flipped "heads," giving East Central the No. 1 spot in the division tourney that will be held next Wednesday through Saturday at East Mississippi in Scooba.

Ross then got the consolation prize by outflipping Young for the second spot.

ECJC Goes After 2nd J.C. Title

PERKINSTON — East Central Junior College's women's basketball team will go after its second straight Mississippi Junior College Association overall basketball championship tonight after defeating rival East Mississippi 64-56 here Wednesday night.

ECJC will meet host Gulf Coast Junior College at 7:30 tonight for the overall crown.

Gulf Coast routed Coahoma 105-67 behind Connie Winstead's 42 points to gain the berth opposite East Central.

East Central came into the tournament as the defending champion, but as No. 2 team in the South Division, while the Lionettes of EMJC were the No. 1 team in the North.

But the Warriorettes used a collapsing defense on EMJC's main gun, 6-2 center Jessie Brown, and overall balance to top the Lionettes.

"Brown didn't get the ball that much," ECJC coach Lucille Wood said. "We contained her pretty well. She scored when she got the ball inside, but she didn't get it that often."

Before the game it was thought the key matchup would be between Brown and ECJC's 5-11 center Diana Lyons, an All-Stater last year when the Warriorettes defeated Itawamba for the state championship.

But Wood ordered an outside attack and that seemed to throw the Lionettes off.

"They seemed like they were waiting on Lyons all night and Jeannette Barnes had the ball most of the time," Wood said.

Barnes threw in 23 points for ECJC honors while Lyons had 18. Brown scored 24 points, but the next closest Lionette was Annie Dale with 12.

The game was close throughout, as the two fought to a 26-26 tie at the half.

But with seven minutes left, Tammie Tadlock, from Morton, scored on a layup to push ECJC ahead 48-46 and the Warriorettes never trailed again.

ECJC now must face the team that defeated it just last Saturday in this same gym for its second straight title.

Gulf Coast downed the Warriorettes 65-50 in that game as Gulf Coast jumped ahead 37-13 at the half.

"We're going to change some things for tonight's game," Wood said. "We're just going to give it all we have. They have a real fine team."

"We can't shoot like we did against Gulf Coast last week and expect to win," Wood laughed.

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Latham	2	0 4	Green	2	2 6
Ward	2	5 9	Simmonds	3	0 6
Barnes	11	1 23	Brown	9	6 24
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Cumberland	0	0 0	White	2	0 4
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SCORE BY QUARTERS					
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EMJC	26		ECJC	30-56	

Gulf Coast Balance Too Much For Lyons

Regardless of what you may have seen in Clint Eastwood movies, four guns are generally better than one.

Gulf Coast Junior College proved that Tuesday night, a quartet of players scoring in double figures to offset a sensational 45-point performance by East Central's Diana Lyons as the Lady Bulldogs notched a 96-92 victory in double overtime.

Connie Winstead and Edna Purvis tallied 24 apiece for Gulf Coast, help coming from Peg Farris with 22 and Robin Williams with 10.

Their combined efforts were too much even for Lyons, the highest scorer — either men or women — in the Mississippi Junior College Conference. Jeannette Barnes chipped in with 22 for the losers.

"Lyons is some kind of shooter," said Gulf Coast Coach Sue Ross of the 5-10 sophomore center. "We played her straight up and when that didn't work, we tried double-teaming her. Even then we couldn't stop her."

The Gulf Coast men, who lead the South Division, had a much easier time of it in the nightcap as they rolled to a 94-66 triumph over the outclassed Warriors.

In other MJCC men's games, Co-piah-Lincoln trimmed Hinds, 78-73, Utica belted Pearl River, 96-84, Southwest Mississippi downed Jones, 81-74, and East Mississippi outdefensed Meridian, 63-46.

Among the women, Co-Lin edged Hinds, 68-65, Pearl River slipped past Utica, 59-55, Southwest nipped Jones, 61-57, Meridian shelled East Mississippi, 75-59, and Blue Mountain College nosed out Northeast Mississippi, 65-60.

Twelve games are on Thursday's schedule. Co-Lin is at Southwest, Hinds at Gulf Coast, Itawamba at Coahoma, Northwest Mississippi at East Mississippi and Holmes at Meridian in twin bills, Mississippi Delta visits Northeast in a men's only contest while the Union (Tenn.) University women call on Northeast in a solo affair.

The only tilt on tonight's agenda finds Coahoma's men hosting Shelby (Tenn.) State.

Taking a page from their female counterparts' book, the Gulf Coast men got balanced scoring in thrashing East Central with Rogers Washington's 22 and Derrick Davis' 21

leading the way. John Burkes had 20 and Reginald Welch 18 for the losers.

Co-Lin dominated the backboards by a 49-42 margin in handling Hinds. Curtis McNulty tallied 22 and Bill Logan 14 for the Wolves while Sam White's 27 and Mark Fields' 20 were wasted for the Eagles.

Utica had five players in double figures, led by Glen Hubbard with 21 and Artiss Berry with 17, in mowing down Pearl River. Pete Davis swatted 22 in vain for the Wildcats.

Thomas Young pulled the trigger for 33 and Robert Felder for 21 to lead Southwest over Jones, which got 32 from Rocky Cooper.

Cold-shooting Meridian remained winless, hitting only 30 per cent

from the field en route to its loss to East Mississippi. James Coleman had 19 to lead the Lions while the hapless Eagles were paced by Larry Emerson's 14.

Among the women, Candi Aultman's 22-point effort propelled Co-Lin over Hinds. Best for the losers was Daphne Benson with 13.

Wanda Ard bucketed 13 to guide Pearl River over Utica, despite a game-high 21 from Martha Myles.

And Meridian benefitted from the absence of East Mississippi's leading scorer, Jessie Brown, who was absent with tonsillitis. Carla Culpepper drilled in 18 for the Lady Eagles, a figure matched by the losers' Debra Simmonds.

Girls' Camps At E. Central

DECATUR — A junior high girls basketball camp is being planned here on the East Central Junior College campus from June 26 - July 2, with a senior high camp set for July 10 - July 16, according to Morton School System coaches Ray Riley and Percy Parker, who will head the camp staff.

These camps will be sanctioned by the Mississippi High School Activities Assn., Riley and Parker said.

Other coaches who will be on the camp staff include Gary Mayatt of West Lauderdale, Roy Wallace of Philadelphia, Haywood Reeves of Forest,

Lucille Wood of East Central and Durwood Smith of Pearl.

The deadline for application is June 15. Those desiring further information should contact Riley or Parker by writing Morton High School, P.O. Box L, Morton, 39117. The phone number at Morton High is 732-6033 or 732-6977.



DECATUR SIGNEES — Signing two-year basketball scholarships to East Central Junior College are two Decatur girls, Karen Hurst, second from left, and Cindy Pennington, second from right. Looking on as the girls sign their scholarships are their Decatur High

School Coach, Buck McDonald, and Miss Lucille Wood, ECJC Basketball Coach. Miss Wood stated that she was very pleased to have these two outstanding Decatur High School players to sign up and be a part of the ECJC girls' basketball program.

3 Women's Teams Laying Claim To South JC Crown

The Mississippi Junior College Conference dropped the curtain on its regular basketball season Thursday night with only three of the four division championships decided.

East Mississippi's women wrapped up the North Division crown with a 76-62 victory over Coahoma, enabling the Lady Lions to join the Gulf Coast (South) and Northwest Mississippi (North) men at the top of the standings.

But the women's South Division failed to produce a clear-cut winner as three teams — Gulf Coast, Co-piah-Lincoln and East Central — deadlocked for the title.

Co-Lin could have won the championship outright with a victory over Gulf Coast, but the Lady Bulldogs pulled out a 66-62 homecourt triumph in their head-to-head triumph while East Central turned back Pearl River, 73-65, to earn its share of the top spot.

"We'll probably have to decide it (the No. 1 seeding in next week's division tournament) by a coin flip," said East Central Coach Lucille Wood.

In other women's games, Hinds tripped Southwest Mississippi, 74-63, Northwest downed Holmes, 58-48, and Meridian walloped Northeast Mississippi, 83-60.

Men's action saw Hinds belt Southwest, 86-49, Mississippi Delta crush Itawamba, 107-76, East Central shade Pearl River, 83-79, Gulf Coast rally past Co-Lin, 88-75,

Northwest nip Holmes, 61-60, Coahoma turn back East Mississippi, 79-71, and Northeast wallop Meridian, 91-79.

Jessie Brown connected for 28 points and Debra Simond for 25 as East Mississippi beat Coahoma, which had entered in a tie for the North lead and could have taken the division title by winning. Laura Perkins had 16 for the losers.

Gulf Coast spoiled Co-Lin's dream of an outright title behind the shooting of Connie Winstead and Peg Farris, who hit for 24 and 23, respectively, to offset the 26-point production of the Lady Wolves' Cindy Williams.

East Central also slipped into a piece of the lead, beating Pearl River behind Diana Lyons' 31 and Julie Latham's 22. Tanya Byrd with 18 was best for the losers.

Sue Sullivan swished 23 and Daphne Benson 19 in leading Hinds over Southwest, which got 14 from Ginny Ott.

Northwest used Ruthie Holifield's 23 to get past Holmes, Barbi Jaeger and Jan Wilson notching 14 each in a losing cause.

Geraldine Creer popped in 24 and Orlinda Houston 20 to spearhead Meridian's romp over Northeast, negating a 24-point evening for Belinda Shelton of the Lady Tigers.

In men's play, Mike Anthony found the range for 21 and Sam White for 20 as Hinds remained hot by beating Southwest. Thomas

Young with 29 and Robert Felder and Melvin Mathews with 20 each weren't quite enough for the Bears.

Charles Cole and Marion Cole, who aren't related, banged in 32 and 22, respectively, to lead Mississippi Delta to its runaway over Itawamba. Chuck Watson had 22 for the losers.

The MJCC's leading scorer, 5-11 freshman guard John Burkes, exceeded his 28.6 average with 30 and Reginald Welch added 24 as East Central held off Pearl River. The losers' Melvin Oatis netted 23.

Gulf Coast, down 43-33 at intermission, went on a 14-1 tear at the start of the second half to jump ahead of Co-Lin. Derrick Davis triggered in 21 for the Bulldogs, Bill Logan 19 for the losing Wolves.

Ronnie Childers hit both ends of a one-and-one with three seconds left in lifting Northwest over Holmes. Childers wound up with a game-high 22 and Junior Ivy 19 for the Rangers while Milton Griffin and Ledell Mason had 17 each for Holmes.

Duwann Garrett had 18 for Coahoma in its win over East Mississippi, matching Cliff Collins' total for the losers.

And Kirby McRae pumped in 24 to pace Northeast to its runaway over hapless Meridian, which got 14 from Bud Darnell.

All MJCC coaches will meet in Jackson today to decide the seedings and pairings for the upcoming division tournaments.

Miss Wood,
Thank you for All
you have Done
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The 1976-77 Women's
EC JC Basketball
Team





IRMA JOHNSON
6-2 Scott Central



CHARMELE JONES
6-1 Forest



KAREN HURST
5-7 Decatur



TERRY STOWERS
5-7 Scott Central



PAM LEE
6-0 Neshoba



CINDY PENNINGTON
5-5 Decatur



DENISE KEMP
5-7 Leake A.S.



CARLA HALLEY
5-9 Marton



PHILLIS KEFORE
5-8 Carthage

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a long journey, and it has
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my lucky pen, because this
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and so is Coach Wood, and
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and really do your Best!
Atica is the first team
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beat them tonight and in
this tournament go all the
Way!

Do like you've ^{have been doing} done making
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and remember to cover up
oney number 12 like the
dew!

There are 8 teams here that
all plan to go far, but we
all know that there is
not a better ~~to~~ team than
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Speech Teacher

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SIGNS SCHOLARSHIP--Tammie Tadlock signs a basketball scholarship to East Central Junior College, looking on is Coach Lucille Woods of ECJC, and Coach Ray Riley of Morton. Tammie's honors include All Central Mississippi Classic, All South Mississippi; All Little Dixie; Best Defensive player in the Little Dixie; and in Morton athletics, she was given the Most Assist award and "hustler" award at the Athletic banquet in addition to the Captain's award. At the Awards banquet, Tammie was selected as the recipient of the Athletic Scholastic Award. In Who's Who, she received the Most Athletic Girl honor.



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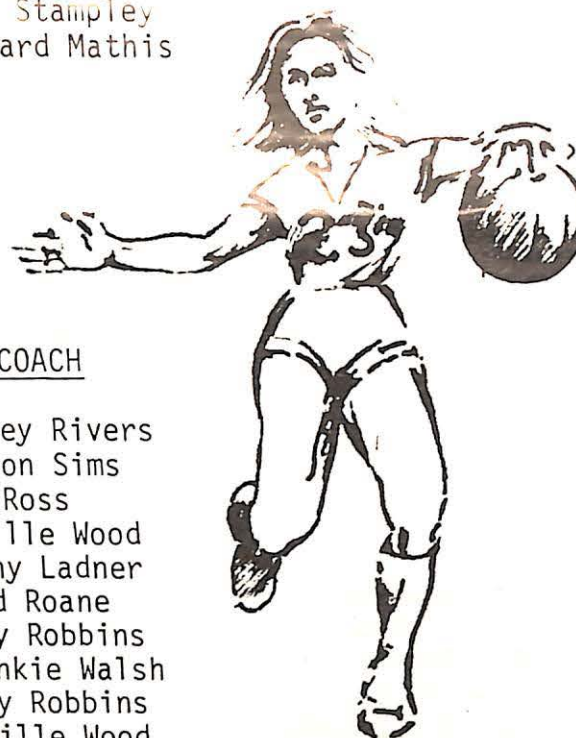
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25	Gail Parker.	5'7"	9.5.	Holmes. . . .	Sheila Sullivan
14	Teresa Cooper.	5'7"	15.0.	Meridian. . .	Liz Duncan
31	Dixie Wiltshire. . . .	5'10"	10.4.	Northeast. . .	Jim Lamb
24	Kay Pierce.	5'8"	12.5.	East Miss. . .	Richard Mathis
20	Lajuana Bates.	6'0"	15.0.	Northwest. . .	Harry Adair
44	Chan Crockett.	5'11"	15.4.	Coahoma. . . .	Ella Stampley
45	Ramona McCastle. . . .	5'7"	19.5.	Coahoma. . . .	Ella Stampley
35	Renee Jones.	5'8"	9.5.	Northwest. . .	Harry Adair
33	Shirley Hall.	6'0"	13.2.	Coahoma. . . .	Ella Stampley
10	Rita Higgingbotham. . .	5'6"	8.0.	East Miss. . .	Richard Mathis

Coaches - Richard Mathis, East Mississippi
Ella Stampley, Coahoma

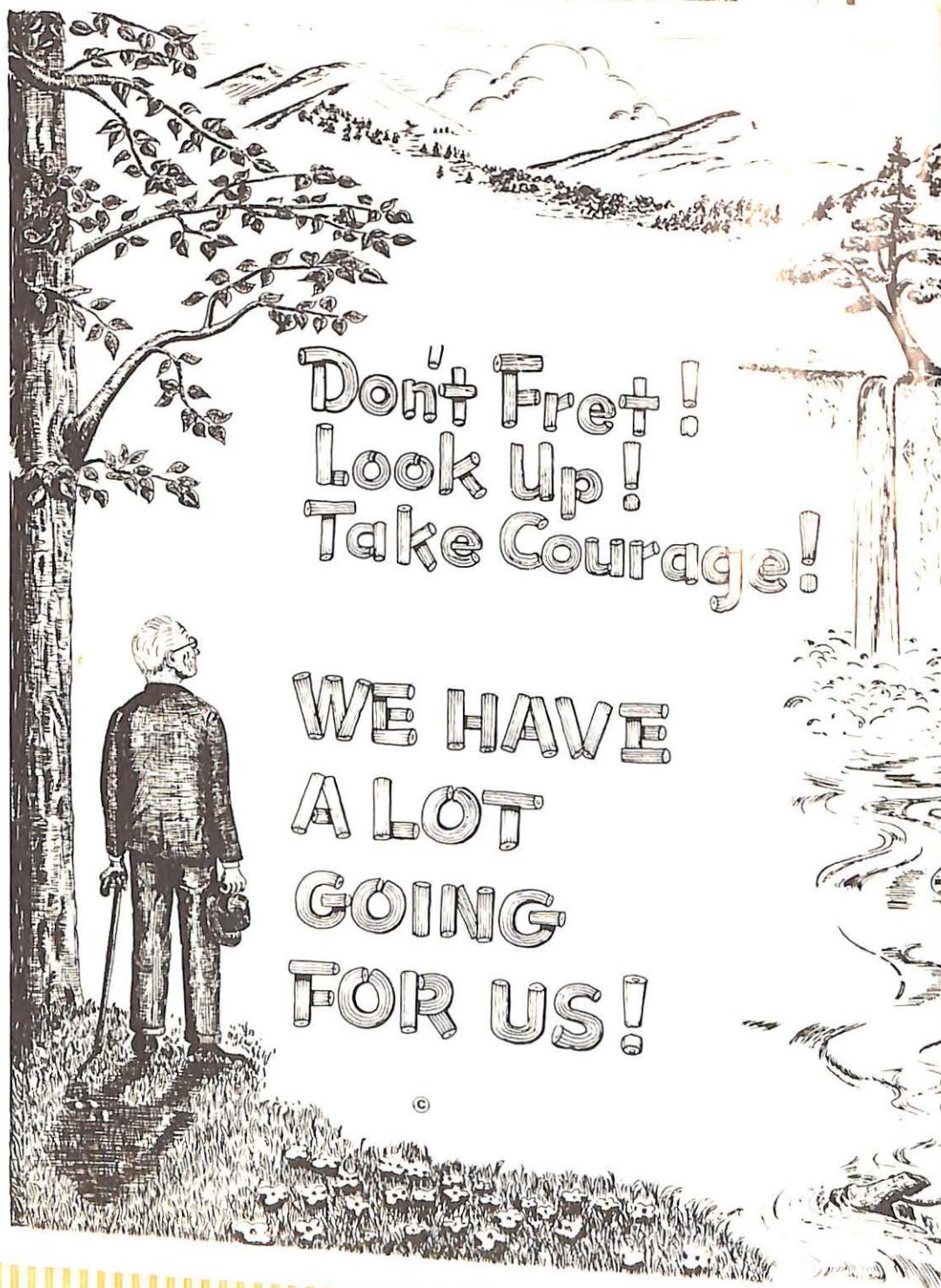
South Division

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44	Mary Howard.	6'0"	5.4.	Jones.	Mickey Rivers
23	Nena Brister.	5'8"	12.0.	Co-Lin.	Sharon Sims
45	Cheryl France.	5'8"	13.0.	Perkinson. . . .	Sue Ross
43	Charlene Jones.	6'1"	17.4.	East Central. . .	Lucille Wood
25	Myrna Reynolds.	5'5"	10.0.	Southwest. . . .	Jenny Ladner
22	Patsy Sones.	5'0"	10.0.	Pearl River. . . .	Fred Roane
24	Shirley Barnes.	5'7"	28.0.	Utica.	Mary Robbins
35	Becky Lee.	5'7"	22.1.	Hinds.	Frankie Walsh
32	Rene Turner.	5'9"	14.0.	Utica.	Mary Robbins
31	Carla Halley.	5'9"	11.0.	East Central. . .	Lucille Wood
33	Tracy Crosby.	5'5"	5.0.	Hinds.	Frankie Walsh

Coaches - Mary Robbins, Utica
Fred Roane, Pearl River



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Ms. Lucille Wood
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Dear Ms. Wood:

In 1978, Personal Products, Inc. of New Brunswick, New Jersey, inaugurated a new program, the STAYFREE Women in Sports Program, which includes the STAYFREE Coach of the Year Awards on three collegiate levels, the Wade Trophy Player of the Year Award, and the STAYFREE Service to Women's Sports Award. The program was designed to provide public recognition for outstanding female athletes whose significant achievements serve as encouragement to all women to develop their individual potentials through active participation in sports.

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The STAYFREE Coach of the Year Awards for 1978 were presented last April 24th, at the STAYFREE Women in Sports Awards Dinner held at the Waldorf-Astoria for the benefit of the Women's Sports Foundation. Donna De Varona was our mistress of ceremonies, and Billie Jean King gave the keynote address. Mr. Bill Wall, Executive Director of ABA-USA, presented the Small College Coach of the Year Award; Lea Plarski, Vice President for Women of the National Junior College Association, presented the Junior Community College

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Coach of the Year Award

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Coach of the Year Award; and Lucille Kyvallos, Chairperson of the AIAW Basketball Committee, made the Large College Coach of the Year presentation.

We would like you to participate in the STAYFREE Women in Sports Program for 1979 by serving on the Selection Committee to choose the recipient of the Second Annual STAYFREE Junior-Community College Coach of the Year Award. Enclosed you will find an acceptance form to be returned to us no later than September 20, 1978. Upon its receipt, we will forward you a packet containing detailed information about the selection process, your instructions, and a preliminary ballot.

To give you an idea of your responsibilities as a member of the Selection Committee, let me briefly outline the procedure we will use to determine the winners of the STAYFREE Coach of the Year Awards for 1979 on all levels. We will divide the country into ten regions, and form three individual twenty-member committees; one for the Large College Award, one for the Small College Award, and another for the Junior-Community College Award. These three committees will be comprised of women's basketball coaches from their specific collegiate level, with two members from each of the ten regions; and these committees will both choose the STAYFREE Coach of the Year nominees, and select the final winners through a preliminary and a final ballot. Between the time of the announcement of the nominees and the final balloting, information on all nominees is solicited from their college Sports Information Directors and other area media people. This information is collected by R.W. Kennedy Enterprises, Inc. and distributed to all committee members, insuring equal exposure of all nominees regardless of geographic location.

Final ballots are tabulated by Block and Levy, a private accounting firm in New York City, and the results are kept secret until April 2, 1979. At a press conference that day the winners of the STAYFREE Coach of the Year Awards will be announced, and the awards will be presented at the STAYFREE Women in Sports Awards Dinner that night at the Waldorf Astoria. The Wade Trophy Player of the Year Award and the STAYFREE Service to Women's Sports Award will also be presented that evening.

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We hope that you will decide to become part of the Selection Committee for the Junior-Community College Coach of the Year Award. Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robert W. Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Robert W. Kennedy

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Enclosure

"OLE RING"

by RICHARD M. "TEK" GUNN
Poet Laureate of Tennessee ©





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CCSU **A devilish situation**

JSU's Jeanette Barnes is surrounded by Devillettes as she looks for a passing target in Wednesday night's game at the

Mississippi Coliseum. Beverly Walker (34) provides the defense for Mississippi Valley State. See story, Page 2E.



CHAMPIONS — A happy coach, Miss Wood, front left, is looking over her Warriorette team that has finished with an outstanding 18-5 record; and on Saturday night won the Mississippi Junior College championship by defeating Itawamba. The Warriorettes are pictured, front row, Cheryl Hicks, Diana Lyons, Debbie

Pearson, and Julie Latham. Second row, from left: Brenda Haralson, manager, Runnie Hill, Barbara Harrison, Linda Quinn, Donna Carter, and Evelyn Bender. Back row, from left: Mike Hatcher, manager, Vicky Cumberland, Jeanette Barnes, and Bonnie Hatcher, manager. Not pictured is Freda Crotwell.

Staff Photo by Lois Cooper

ECJC Girls' Team No. 1 in the State

Lois Cooper

Miss Wood's East Central Warriorettes are the state! In one of the most games ever played, the ECJC girls captured the Mississippi Junior College championship by defeating Itawamba 86-77 on Saturday night in the Warrior gym. Such a victory is not unusual for the Warriorettes as they have won the title last year in the Division I tournament. This is a big step forward for the team, which finished 18-5 in the regular season. The team knew

Saturday night's championship game saw Evelyn Bender racking up 26 points, followed by Diana Lyons with 23, Jeanette Barnes with 20, and Julie Latham with 10.

Winning is no new thing for Miss Wood. In her years of coaching girls at East Central Junior College, she has never had a losing season.

ECJC Not Eligible

Some reports listed East Central, Itawamba and Co-Lin as teams expected to participate in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 7 tournament which begins this Thursday in Cleveland, Tenn., however Miss Wood stated that the ECJC girls would not be making this trip. Only those schools that belong to the National Junior College Association and that pay the entry fees to the Region 7 tournament are eligible to participate in the tournament.

that the state crown was in sight on Saturday night in the last six minutes when Diana Lyons began dominating the backboard with rebounds and the Warriorettes were able to go into the fast break using Evelyn Bender and Jeanette Barnes.

Newton Countians

Newton County girls playing on the State championship team this year include Evelyn Bender from Newton, Barbara Harrison from Beulah Hubbard and Debbie Pearson and Cheryl Hicks, both from Hickory.

In Saturday night's game, Bender poured in 10 points in the final crucial minutes of the ballgame. This outstanding athlete has averaged 25.7 points per game for the past two years and seems to be able to play her best when the pressure is the greatest.

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ECJC State Champs

By **BILLY TURNER**
Star Sports Writer

DECATUR — Super Game No. 1 was termed an upset when East Central Junior College women's team defeated Itawamba, the defending champion in the North Division tournament.

Saturday night, when East Central won the women's overall Mississippi Junior College title in Super Game No. 2, it couldn't be called an upset anymore. Things don't happen like that twice in a row.

East Central was crowned the Overall State champion by doing away with the Itawamba Lady Indians on the East Central court 86-77.

It took overcoming a case of nerves and foul trouble for the Warriorettes to do the job. They did, though, outpointing Itawamba 19-10 in the last five minutes after the contest was tied one last time at 67.

Evelyn Bender, surely the most valuable player in the state, scored 10 points during that stretch when the game was still very much in doubt.

She had begun very slowly, because as she said, "I was just trying to get something started. I guess I was a little nervous in the first half."

With Bender getting only eight, on a 25-point-per game average the Warriorettes turned to the inside work of Diana Lyons. Lyons, from Philadelphia's Neshoba Central, got inside of the Itawamba man-to-man for 13 first half points.

That propelled East Central to a 43-41 lead at the half, after the Warriorettes had been up by as much as 10.

Lyons, who never played before her junior year in high school, picked up her fourth foul in the game with 12 minutes left, and her leaving the close game would have possibly doomed the East Central chances.

Noxapater's Donna Carter. In the final five minutes Bender got 10 points including six in the final minute, to ease the Warriorettes to the final margin.

Talking about Bender after the game, Wood said, "She wants to be modest. She's kind of nervous at the first, but once she gets scoring, she is alright."

Bender finished her career at East Central with 1,081 points in 42 games, but the sweetest points she ever scored were the final bucket at the buzzer.

That insured the title, the first East Central had won

under the present junior college setup.

Bender had 26, Lyons 23, Jeanette Barnes 20 and Julie Latham 10 for ECJC Itawamba was led by Charlotte Jackson's 26 while Jeanie Loyd had 24 and Lisa Hooker 10.

ECJC (86)				Itawamba (77)			
Player	fg	ft	tp	Player	fg	ft	tp
Bender	9	8	26	Jackson	13	0	26
Lyons	10	3	23	Loyd	10	4	24
Carter	2	3	7	Hooker	5	0	10
Latham	5	0	10	Murphy	1	0	2
Barnes	8	4	20	Warren	1	0	2
				McFerrin	2	0	4
				Spight	2	1	5
				Davis	2	0	4
TOTALS	34	18	86	Totals	36	5	77
EAST CENTRAL				43	43		-86
ITAWAMBA				41	41		-77

Fouls: ECJC 18, IJC 23.



LED WARRIORETTES — East Central Junior College women's Coach Lucille Wood holds the trophy and star player Evelyn Bender holds the ball that the Warriorettes used in winning the state championship Saturday night at Decatur. Bender scored 26 points in the team's 86-77 win over defending state champion Itawamba.

—Jane Tannehill Photo

But Lucille Wood, the ECJC coach, merely switched her zone defense to put Lyons on the outside where she remained in the contest until its end.

Itawamba fought back from being down by five early in the final half to take the lead at 55-54. The Indians moved ahead by as many as five before East Central made its final move.

The Warriorettes took back the lead for the final time with 6:18 on a bucket by

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